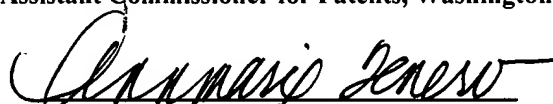


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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application in response to the Official Action mailed August 14, 2001.

In The Claims: ✓

Please amend claims 1, 12, 43 – 46 as follows:

1(twice amended). A cylinder designed to retain a structural framework material, composite material, or ceramic material for an implant system for placement in the mouth comprising:
a substantially cylindrical body; and

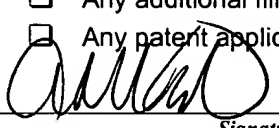
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